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Also enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report bearing a mailing date of April 19, 2005 from a corresponding international patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-312151 A1 (Ref. AE) corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0181331 A1 (Ref. AA);

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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 05-131760 A1 (Ref. AF) corresponds to U.S.

Patent No. 5,147,843 (Ref. AB);

3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-179072 A1 (Ref. AG) corresponds to U.S.

Patent No. 5,306,691 (Ref. AC);

4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-074766 A1 (Ref. AH) corresponds to U.S.

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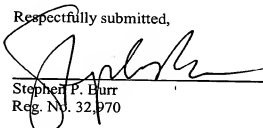
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